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Garcia plea bargain deal leads to Merci

By Christine O. Avendaño, TJ Burgonio and Jerome Aning

OMBUDSMAN Merceditas Gutierrez should explain why prosecutors struck a deal with retired Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia that allowed him to walk out of jail when there was enough evidence to imprison the former military comptroller for plunder, a Malacañang official said.

Deputy presidential spokesperson

GARCIA A4

LEARNING Mugs and other Christmas gifts for teacher

BUSINESS Mother of all budget carriers comes to PH

WORLD Obama to sign end to military gay ban

LATE BREAKER: PH miracle run ends as Indonesia booters beat Azkals, 1-0 (*See story in Late Sports, Page A22.*)

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS. FEARLESS VIEWS

Prewar Sta. Ana home now a heritage house

By Jaymee T. Gamil

THE ELECTRICITY was out during her welcome message, but 98-year-old Jessie Coe Lichauco simply ditched the mic and sat on "Brown power."

"Can you hear me?" she asked her audience, in a deep, gravelly

PREWAR A4

15 killed in Cagayan hotel blaze



FIRE FATALITY Rescuers carry a body out of the Bed and Breakfast Pension House in Tuguegarao City. Fire gutted the five-story budget hotel before dawn on Sunday, killing 15 people.

9 nursing examinees among dead

By Villamor Visaya Jr.
Inquirer Northern Luzon

TUGUEGARAO CITY—A fire tore through a five-story budget hotel before dawn yesterday, leaving at least 15 people dead, nine of them nursing graduates in town to take a licensure examination, police said.

Some firefighters wept and prayed as they retrieved badly burned bodies from the gutted Bed and Breakfast Pension House in Cagayan's provincial capital.

Grieving relatives converged at a morgue where remains of victims, 14 burned beyond recognition, were brought.

CAGAYAN A4



RARE blue-naped parrot should have red beak and yellow tail feathers.

Error-filled peso bills spark uproar

GEOGRAPHICALLY challenged Philippine maps and a rare parrot with the wrong-colored beak have perturbed the country after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) rolled out error-filled new editions of its peso bills.

The new banknotes, scheduled to be rolled out this month and containing the signature of President Aquino who took office this year, bombed spectacularly in the graphics department, according to critics.

The reverse side of the new 500-peso bill features a rare native bird—the blue-naped parrot, with its red beak incorrectly rendered in yellow and its tail feathers underneath colored green instead of yellow.

A map on the same bill—which also carries portraits of Mr. Aquino's late parents—makes Palawan's Saint Paul's subterranean river that has been designated a

NEW PESO A23



TUBBATAHA Reef is misplaced by 400 kilometers and near Malaysia.

Cory, Noy color reigns in giant lantern contest

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Yellow showed up to be a heavy favorite among craftsmen who fielded nine giant lanterns in the 102nd year of a festival here.

It was the color which the late President Corazon Aquino and her son, President Aquino, used to rally Filipinos to defy a dictatorship and corruption.

The entry of Barangay Dolores featured two yellow ribbons on the edges of the village's name and conveyed a wish for peace.

The lantern of Barangay San Nicolas made sure the ribbon would not be missed. As big as a military jeep, the ribbon lit up, bulb by bulb, until its full figure occupied the center of the 20-foot wide lantern.

Its maker, Elmer Borad, beamed the message, "Love on Christmas," before displaying

CORY, NOY A20

Pols use Christmas greetings as early campaign ads



By Antonio Calipjo Go
Contributor

COMMENTARY

MY VISIT to the inland-province of Camiguin in November was all but spoiled by the sight of gross, garish ad tarps featuring the larger-than-life faces of Camiguin's political lead-ers—from the congressional to the provincial and municipal levels—which were displayed prominently in strategic places of the capital town of Mambajao.

Under the guise of greeting their constituents "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," the elected officials collectively thought it wise to festoon an entire street and a plaza in Mambajao with their pictures instead of the usual symbols of Christmas,

POLS A4

TELLING THE FILIPINO STORY TO THE WORLD

Editors' Note: For 25 days, we will be telling stories about the Inquirer to mark the paper's 25th anniversary on Dec. 9, 2010. Some are little inside stories but impacting on how we cover unfolding events; some are marks the day stories that became talk of the town pages; others are turning-point stories that have changed the landscape of history; still others, big or small, seize the heart and never let go.

But whatever, the Inquirer will tell you the story.

Warrior in GMA saved her presidency

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

WHEN GLORIA Macapagal-Arroyo woke up on the morning of July 8, 2005, she put on a flaming red suit with Mao collar, a far cry from the baby blue and powder gray of her normal work day.

For on that day, the diminutive but feisty President was sending out a message to nearly a dozen of her closest allies and friends in her Cabinet who had been plotting her ouster behind

WARRIOR A20



THUMBS UP Then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former President Fidel Ramos and then Speaker Jose de Venecia during happier times.

Finding Garci only deepened 2004 mystery

By Michael Lim Ubac

FINDING the most elusive man during the "Hello Garci" presidency was a hide-and-seek game that ended up in the hinterlands of Mingo...

The "Hello, Garci" wiretapping scandal five years ago set me off on a mission

FINDING A20

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Vizconde opts to appeal SC decision

By Kristine L. Alave

LAURO VIZCONDE yesterday welcomed President Aquino's order to reinvestigate the killings of his wife and two daughters but said his priority was to appeal the Supreme Court decision that acquitted Hubert Webb and his friends of the massacre.

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LAURO VIZCONDE [illegible]

Church OKs info drive on family planning

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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HIV cases rise in PH, Asia

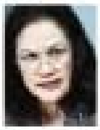
By Cynthia D. Balana

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Garcia plea bargain deal leads to Merci



GUTIERREZ

Tight case

Charge prosecutors

Strong evidence ignored

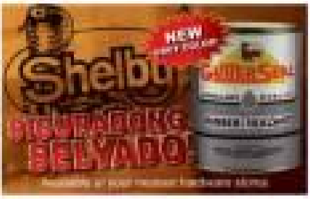
Impeachment complaint

Aquino names new execs

By Christine O. Avendaño

MALACAÑANG yesterday announced more appointments by President Aquino. [illegible]

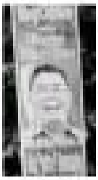
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Pols use Christmas

Unpleasant to look at

Chaos and discord

15 killed in Cagayan hotel

Survivors take exam

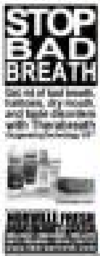
Blinking lights

Naval officer who bucked 'demotion' faces trial

Insubordination

Placing blame

Loreto C. Aquino; 86





Prewar Sta. Ana home now a heritage house

Significance

Modern cares

Triumph

Awash in blood

Older than Intramuros

Sturdy wood, capiz

Heritage awareness

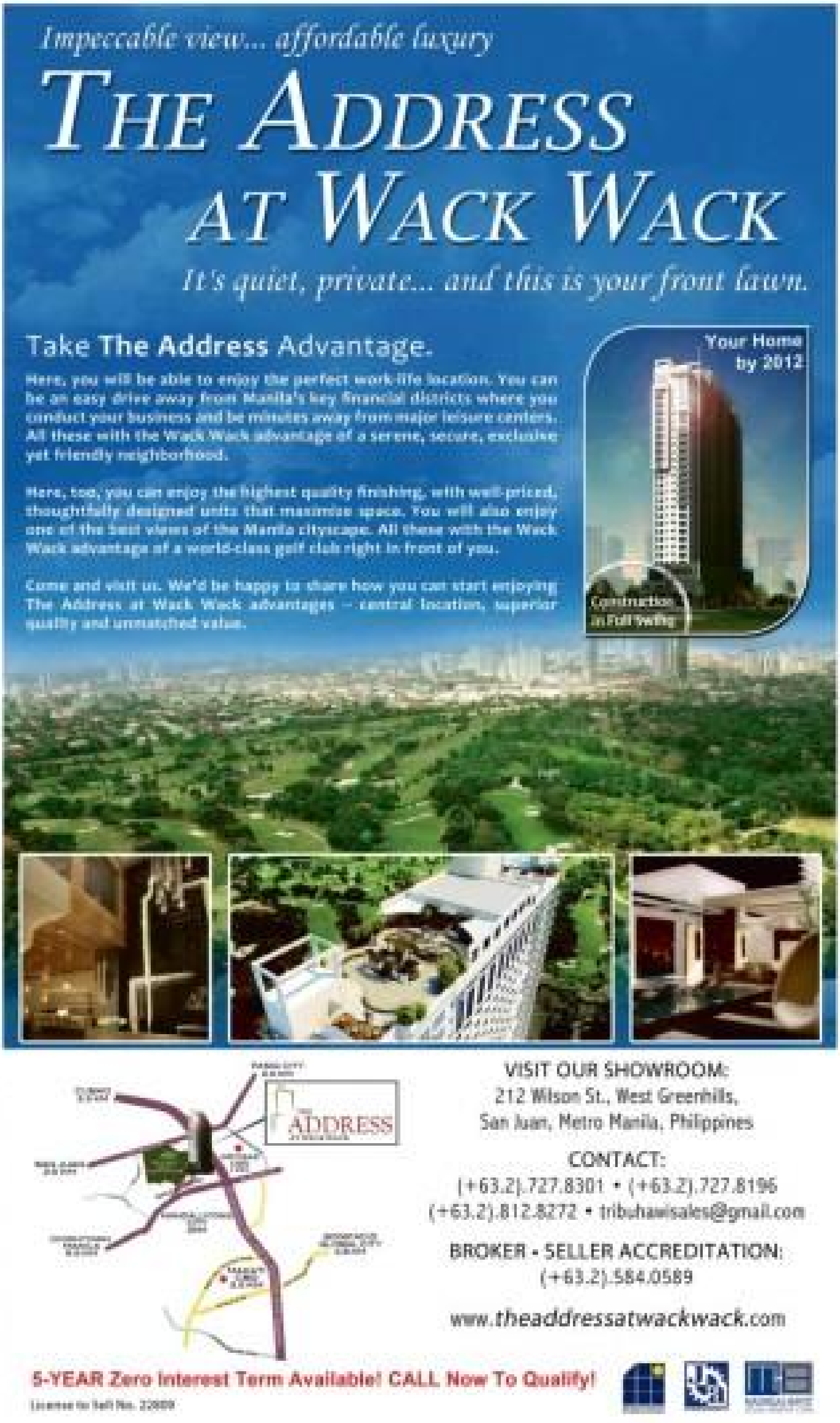




Improving Cabinet should be Aquino's priority, say solons

P-Noy takes Kris to the movies

Freezing of clan's assets pushed



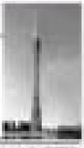
AFP switches to volunteerism to woo rebels

By Dona Pazzibugan

Military insists NPA used banned mines

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

UST Med '80 fete



THE DAILY GOSPEL

Customs seizes smuggled fuel, used clothing

China gives PH 8 mobile clinics

Heavy trucks to blame for bad roads—Singson











REVVING UP THE HIGH WAY

On its sixth year, Hyundai speeds its way to higher heights

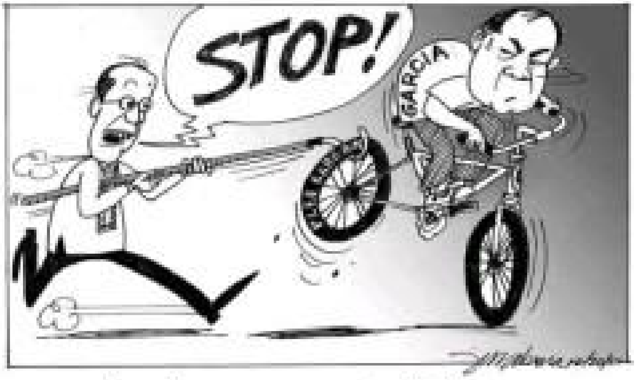

HYUNDAI
Welcome 2011 with Spirited Driving

INQUIRER

OPINION

Abomination

EDITORIAL



The three most conceited Filipinos

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Innocent

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

On the amnesty and Vizconde cases

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



WikiLeaks' flawed answer to a flawed world

WORLD VIEW

Esther Dyson



Project Syndicate

The Nativity and public space

COMMENTARY

Rommel E. Barbaza

On AFP Day and the Morong 43

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



Be wary of token VFA review

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LETTERS

An insult from columnist Tiglao

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Scrapped GSIS benefit for 'earning' surviving spouses now restored

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Prayer from kin of Doña Paz victims

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
TOLL REGULATORY BOARD
2/F Integrated Bar of the Phils. Bldg., Doña Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City

MANILA-NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

PHASE 1 - BALINTAWAK TO STA. INES AND SUBIC TO TIPO
PHASE 2, SEGMENT 8.1 - NLEX - MINDANAO AVENUE LINK

AUTHORIZED TOLL PRICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

In accordance with the Supplemental Toll Operation Agreement by and among the Republic of the Philippines, acting by and through the Toll Regulatory Board, Philippine National Construction Corporation and Manila North Tollways Corporation ("MNTC"), a toll rate adjustment is due for implementation on January 1, 2011. Thus, the Board has provisionally approved MNTC's application for adjustment in the Authorized Toll Rates for Phase 1 (Balintawak to Sta. Ines and Subic to Tipo) and Phase 2 Segment 8.1 (NLEX - Mindanao Avenue Link) of the Manila North Expressway Project. The following toll prices shall be in effect starting January 1, 2011 at 12:01 a.m.:

CLASS 1 (Cars/Jeepneys)

TOLL PLAZAS	BWK	MIN	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SMM	SNF	MEX	ANG	DAU
Mindanao Ave	41												
Valenzuela	41	41											
Meycauayan	41	41	41										
Marilao	41	41	41	41									
Bocaue	59	59	59	59	59								
Tabang	72	72	72	72	72	22							
Sta. Rita	78	78	78	78	78	28							
Pulilan	92	92	92	92	92	42	16						
San Simon	119	119	119	119	119	70	44	28					
San Fernando	141	141	141	141	141	91	65	49	21				
Mexico	157	157	157	157	157	107	82	66	38	17			
Angeles	177	177	177	177	177	127	102	86	58	37	20		
Dau	195	195	195	195	195	145	119	103	75	54	37	17	
Sta. Ines	195	195	195	195	195	145	119	103	75	54	37	17	13

CLASS 2 (Buses/Trucks)

TOLL PLAZAS	BWK	MIN	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SMM	SNF	MEX	ANG	DAU
Mindanao Ave	102												
Valenzuela	102	102											
Meycauayan	102	102	102										
Marilao	102	102	102	102									
Bocaue	124	124	124	124	124								
Tabang	180	180	180	180	180	58							
Sta. Rita	188	188	188	188	188	64							
Pulilan	229	229	229	229	229	105	41						
San Simon	298	298	298	298	298	174	116	68					
San Fernando	351	351	351	351	351	228	162	122	53				
Mexico	393	393	393	393	393	268	204	164	95	42			
Angeles	443	443	443	443	443	319	255	214	145	92	50		
Dau	486	486	486	486	486	362	298	258	188	136	94	44	
Sta. Ines	486	486	486	486	486	362	298	258	188	136	94	44	31

CLASS 3 (Trailers/Large Trucks)

TOLL PLAZAS	BWK	MIN	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SMM	SNF	MEX	ANG	DAU
Mindanao Ave	122												
Valenzuela	122	122											
Meycauayan	122	122	122										
Marilao	122	122	122	122									
Bocaue	149	149	149	149	149								
Tabang	216	216	216	216	216	67							
Sta. Rita	226	226	226	226	226	77							
Pulilan	274	274	274	274	274	126	49						
San Simon	337	337	337	337	337	269	132	83					
San Fernando	421	421	421	421	421	272	195	146	63				
Mexico	471	471	471	471	471	322	245	197	114	50			
Angeles	531	531	531	531	531	382	305	257	174	110	66		
Dau	583	583	583	583	583	435	358	309	226	163	112	52	
Sta. Ines	583	583	583	583	583	435	358	309	226	163	112	52	38

SECTION	LENGTH (in Kms.)	TOLL RATE		
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Subic-Tipo	8.80	28	61	61

The above Authorized Toll Prices do not include any EVAT.

By Authority of the Board of Directors:

MANUEL G. IMPERIAL
Executive Director

Across the NATION

DILG okays savings use for cash gifts

BACOLOD CITY—There's good news for government employees, especially of small towns that cannot afford to give them cash gifts.



SANTA CLAUS ENTERTAINS KIDS

Truck runs over dawn Mass goers; 2 kids dead

1,000 Iloilo public health workers to get ₱50M in benefits

City uproots 1,500 Bt eggplants







Cory, Noy color reigns in giant lantern contest



Spectacle

Rotor

Intricate

Warrior in GMA saved her presidency



Critical mass

Steely determination

Will she resign?

Initial story

Show of support

No thoughts of quitting

Prayer warriors

Finding Garci only deepened 2004 mystery

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Unexpected caller

[illegible]

Quick goodbye

[illegible]

No accident

[illegible]

Playing opposition

[illegible]

Behind the scenes

[illegible]



[illegible]

The 'great escape'

[illegible]

Digging pays

[illegible]

Trip to nowhere

[illegible]

Blindfolded in the van

[illegible]

End of the pursuit

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'I'm not stupid'

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Banner story

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No closure

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Heroes and victims

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A cartoon figure

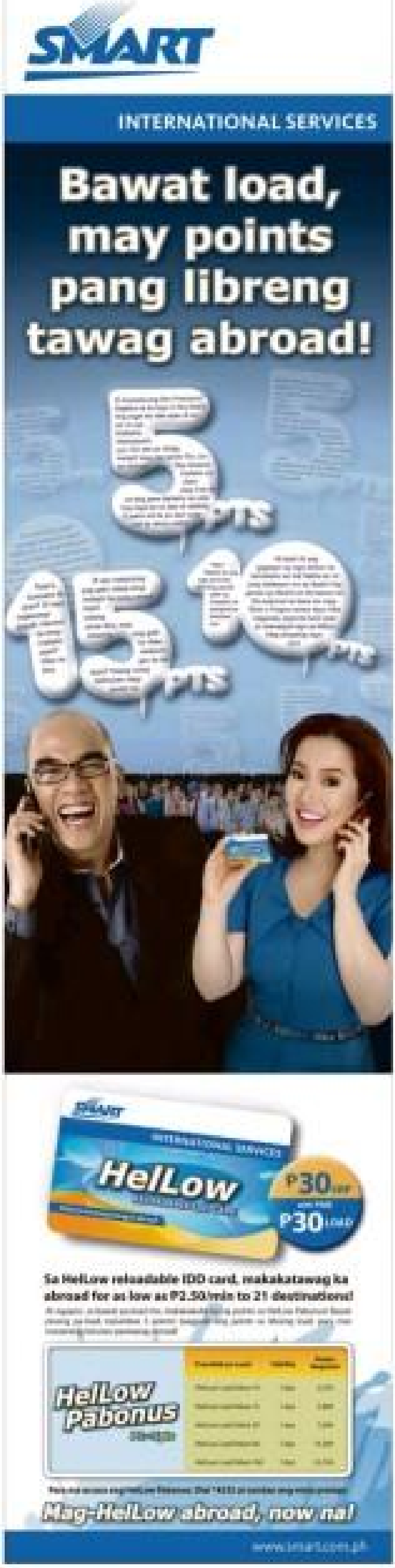
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New peso bills spark uproar

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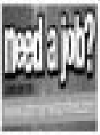
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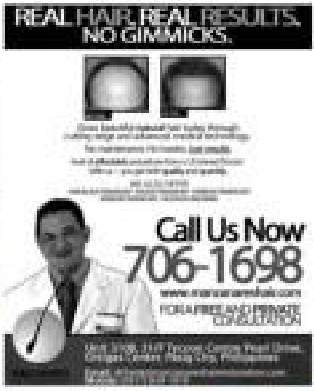
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Late SPORTS

Booters' amazing Cup journey ends







Aplus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

DID YOU KNOW

PUBLIC schools in Metro Manila have the biggest shortage of sanitation facilities among the regions in the country. Public schools need a total of 27,000 toilets: 12,800 toilets for males and some 14,000 toilets for females. —Philippine Daily Inquirer Research

MMDA grants reprieve for provincial buses

Exempts them from coding scheme to help ease holiday travel surge in Metro

ASIDE FROM tens of oil tankers being excluded from the number coding scheme, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has granted exemptions to provincial bus lines expected to ferry passengers heading out of the capital.

MMDA Chair Francis Tolentino made the disclosure in a radio interview on Sunday, explaining that the agency was anticipating the surge of passengers making a last-ditch effort to leave Metro Manila for the provinces as late as Thursday.

Tolentino said the exemptions of the provincial buses from the number coding scheme would only cover Dec. 23, the last working day before Christmas Day. Malacañang had already declared Dec. 24 as a special nonworking holiday and the traffic reduction program of the MMDA is deemed suspended.

Last week, the MMDA added more oil

MMDA A16







Gabriela raps court over sex video ruling

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Message

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Case junked

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HOLIDAY ACCIDENT

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Help of Laguna police sought in arrest of cop in trader's slay

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Park scavenger found dead

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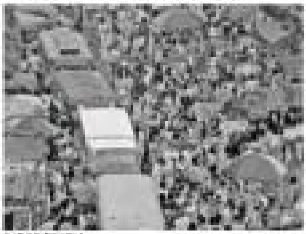
Republic of the Philippines

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INVITATION TO BID

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Metro Citizen's call



BIG PROBLEM

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Waste of money

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Driving at night without headlights

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Sidewalks not for pedestrians

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Of "kuligligs" and the lack of traffic enforcers

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Good-for-nothing cops

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Eyesores at the boundary of 2 cities

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Attention, Manila Water, contractor

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MMDA grants...

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MetroBriefs

Tricycle driver shot dead

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Dead man wrapped in tape

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Gbagbo orders UN out of Ivory Coast; Ban defiant



A SOLDIER holds up a rocket-propelled grenade during a rally by supporters of Ivory Coast's incumbent leader Laurent Gbagbo.

Foreign troop toll in 2010 hits 700 in Afghanistan

Israel air strike kills 4 militants in Gaza



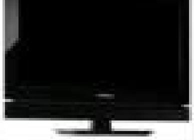
Size protects government contractors that stray

Heavy snow disrupts air, land travel across Europe



A COUPLE walks in the chill winds in St. James park in central London on Dec. 18.



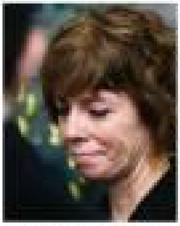


The WORLD

Obama to sign end to military gay ban

WASHINGTON—The Senate on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) voted to strike down the Pentagon ban on gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military, bringing to a close a 17-year struggle over a policy that forced thousands of Americans from the military and caused others to keep secret their sexual orientation.

Military will 'be better as a result,' says top admiral





US Senate blocks 'dream' immigration bill







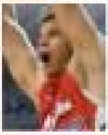
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■ **Heat** edge Wizards; Clippers trip Bulls /A30





Fiery TNT wipes out E-Painters

By Musong R. Castillo

AGGRESSIVE ON both ends, Talk 'N Text easily disposed of Rain or Shine, 107-92, last night to advance to the Final Four of the PBA Philippine Cup at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao.

Tubid captures Asean U Games bowling gold

Blue Birds fall by 6 to Fukien US cagers

Manila chess bets set pace

Benilde aces whip Palawan

By Roy Luarca



GM DARWIN Laylo: Win for QC-UWSA



GM WESLEY So: Victory over IM Barbosa

Sportswatch



'Running 20' raises P1.8M for homeless

Volley federation elects Dungo as president

By TOP CHOICE At Santa Ana Park

Football finally outrates PBA

Inside Sports

Musong Nathanielsz



Filipino shuttlers shine in Singapore

384 teams get ready for 27th Mango Tee

Fiery TNT wipes out Elasto Painters, gain PH Cup semifinals



Hopkins, Pascal draw match

Let's shower sports with presents, too

One Game at a Time



Sev Sarmenta

Mosley a great, hard bout for Manny, admits Roach



PACQUIAO



MOSLEY

POC eyes 48 more elite athletes



COJUANGCO

Magic...

Saint Clare, NU, FEU trip pool rivals

Harbour's Romero new baseball patron

Former Tour champ's son also rises



SPORTS

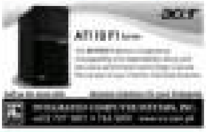
Heat edge Wizards; Clippers trip Bulls



Magic acquire Arenas, send Carter to Suns

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Group seeks to double MRT 3 capacity

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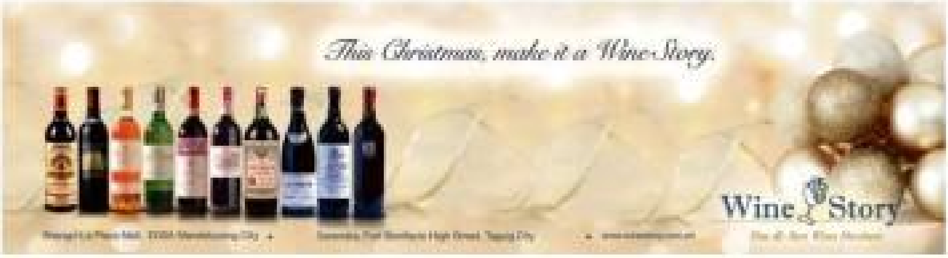


Metro Pacific, Fil-Estate eye new contract with gov't

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE METRO Pacific and Fil-Estate groups, which recently teamed up over a small but strategic stake in Metro Railway Transit-3, are seeking a new contract with the government to double the capacity of the 73-train fleet now serving the high-traffic Edsa highway.





GSIS eyes credit facility for PPP

Readies partnership with Landbank, DBP

Who made who?

Biz Buzz

By the staff

Three-cornered fight...

Not too lavish

Telco standstill

Full to bursting

... and a new motor vehicle EO?

Group seeks to double . . .

Lopez unit puts up big solar facility



President Aquino urges sustainable partnership between Filipinos and Global Payments Inc.





"The Global Payments Service Center will provide employment opportunities and enhance the country's image worldwide as a leader in BPO services"

President Benigno Simeon Aquino III

Business

BOI sees ₱300B in investments this year



Targets bigger share of foreign funds

By Abigail L. Ho

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Tollway firm eyes PPP projects

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BUSINESS

Local stocks seek direction from foreign markets

Philippine Stock Exchange

Local stocks seek . . .

From page B1

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE LOCAL equities market will likely track the performance of foreign markets this week as the lack of confidence-inspiring news on the local front leads to local investors looking mainly abroad for direction.

The bellwether Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) ended last week down by close to 2 percent as developments in the world market and the lack of clear direction locally sent prices down.

The index lost 78 points week-on-week, closing at 4,057.33 points on Friday. This week, the index is expected to either fall to as low as 4,000 points or climb as high as 4,225.

Online brokerage firm AB Capital Online noted that there was barely any local market moving news the entire week, save for those affecting selected companies.

Diversifying conglomerate San Miguel Corp. (SMC) announced that that it would exercise an option to buy remaining shares held by London-based fund manager Ashmore.

This will effectively bring SMC's ownership of the country's largest oil refiner to 49 percent.

"SMC has been aggressively diversifying for the past years and ... power and utilities other than its core business," AB Capital said.

The news sent the food and beverage firm's shares up 13.8 percent week-on-week to close at P149 apiece.

Another big mover last week was Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co., which announced a stock rights offering that sent its shares climbing by close to 18 percent to end the week at P61.90 each.

AB Capital said last week's announcements by the US Federal Reserve to hold its rates steady and continue its quantitative easing ... assured investors of the continued growth of the world's largest economy.

However, continued debt woes in Europe and concerns over China's overheating economy also led to some pessimism.



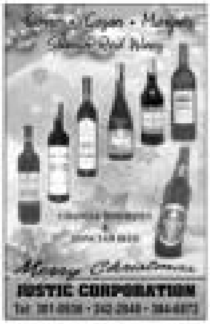
Opposite poles attack

BREAKTIME
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Raising funds a big problem due to DOJ opinion

By Amy R. Remo



Construction firm plans to sell shares in Q1

By Doris C. Dumlao

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SISTER MARIA CELESTIA GERVACIO ORTIZ LUIS, S.Sp.S.

BSP sees continued surge in 'hot money' inflows

Regulator amenable to imposing controls if needed

Bangko Sentral expected to keep rates steady

Bond yields likely to remain low, DBS says

Bayer developing flood-resistant seeds

Construction ...

InfoTech



Samsung ups social network ante



SAMSUNG Galaxy 551 is sure to satisfy socially active users.

By Therese S. Samaniego

AS MILLIONS get hooked on Facebook and Twitter, the need today for "instant connections" cannot be stressed enough.

While most phones in the market already offer Internet and Wi-Fi connections that allow people to stay connected at any given time and place, Samsung's latest Android phone—the Samsung Galaxy 551—ups the ante by providing faster 3G speed connections, while featuring a consolidated "social hub" that enables easy networking.

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Microsoft strikes powerful chord with HTC Mozart

By Paolo G. Montecillo

INTERNET GIANT Microsoft recently became a serious contender in the smartphone market, threatening even the iconic Apple iPhone.

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Designed to deliver a powerful mobile experience, the new Windows phone brings together all the features users love [illegible]

"We are very excited to bring Windows Phone 7 and introduce it to the local market," said John Bosey, Microsoft Philippines managing director.



THE HTC Mozart is powered by Microsoft's Windows smartphone OS.

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Nikon defines intuitive DSLR



Text and photo by Eugene Araneta

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS will certainly find the new Nikon D3100 DSLR camera ideal for taking high quality pictures without having to bother with all the complicated features [illegible]

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BUSINESS Monday

Mother of all budget carriers comes to PH

There's room for another carrier, says Air Asia's Fernandes

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ARAAAT! Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tony Fernandes (left) shakes hands with Filipino investor Antonio Cojuangco during a recent briefing. Fernandes, considered Southeast Asia budget carrier king, launched a joint venture airline in the Philippines, giving what he described as an underserved market a big jolt of competition.

Have a greater heart

MAPping the Future

Distinctions

What is good attitude?

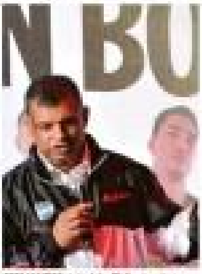
Nine qualities

Character and credibility

Making the difference



Mother of all budget . . .



How an Internet reseller's life was changed



People, Events & Products

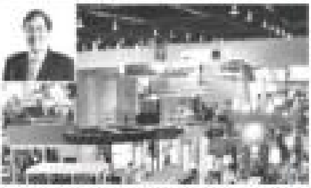
Aboitiz Group supports resettlement project with P5 million donation



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BDO FOUNDATION AWARDS HOUSES

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Biz Clips

Meralco employees hold medical mission

Dacrol protects bamboos

Celebrating the holiday season with Trapezz

More stores boost Joey Pepperoni's expansion plans

Western Marketing partners with JDA Software

Filipina finalist in TAT's Med Blog Contest

The biggest holiday fashion event for a cause

Joy Life offers big business opportunities for Filipinos

Top American photographer lectures at Photoworld

Women prefer WW Deckstyle for their floors

DDB Group Phils' two new executive appointees

Argo Int'l Forwarders selects RedPrairie

BUSINESS Monday

Seaplane project in Clark gets off the ground



SEAPLANES made in the Philippines will soon make their way around the world.

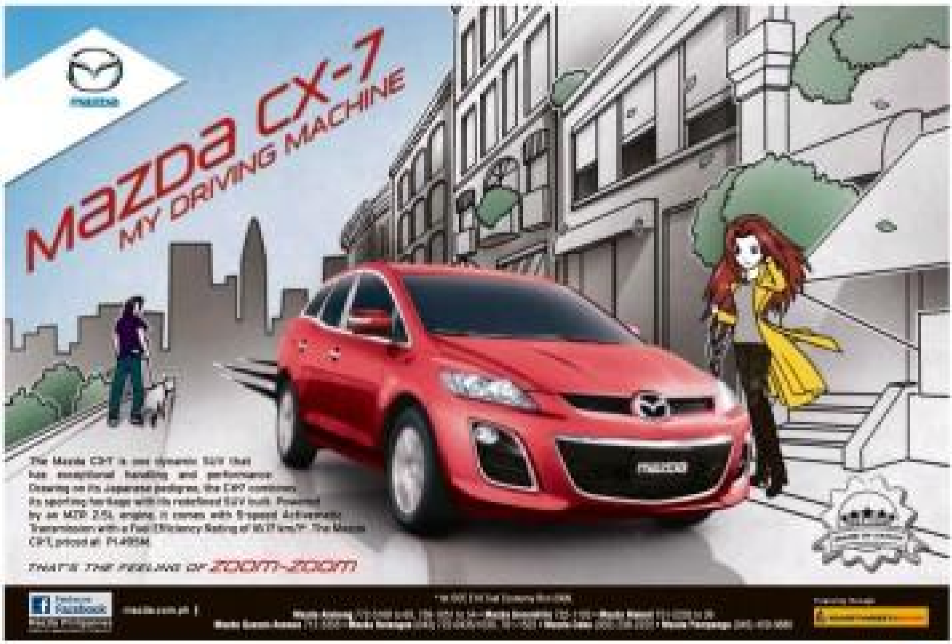


DORNIER

Food and Wine Pairing Guidelines

Work environment and culture that nurtures engagement

WORKPLACE WISDOM



LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



BRAVO! BEST OF THEATER 2010

Year of reruns and musicals

THE DOWNTURN that has affected the rest of the world in the past two years seems to have settled on local theater as well in 2010.

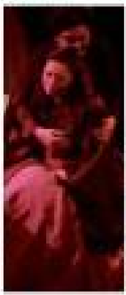
> Noticeable was the dip in new original material





Year of reruns and musicals











Best Play (One-Act)

Best Play (Full-Length)

Best Actor-Play

Best Actress-Play

Best Featured Actor-Play

Best Featured Actress-Play

Best Musical

Best Actor-Musical

Best Actress-Musical

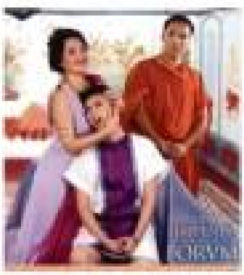
Best Featured Actor-Musical

Best Featured Actress-Musical

4TH QUARTER REPORT CARD: PERFORMING ARTS

Musicals reign

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero





'A Little Night Music'

'Magsimula Ka'



Albay revives local Christmas traditions

Memories of Conchita Gaston ...

From page C1



Memories of Conchita Gaston and 'Oro, Plata, Mata' after Chopin No. 1





A great artist



Damian Domingo in the 21st century

A definitive book–a project of his descendants, the Ongpin family–sheds new light on the life and work of the great 19th-century Filipino painter



[illegible] of Sr. Tomas [illegible]," 19 th. Oil on wood. [illegible] Filipinas Collection

By Lisa Ongpin Periquet
Contributor

THE RECENT launching of the definitive book on the 19th-century painter Damian Domingo brings to fruition the last goal of a three-part family project, intended to bring the work and life of the great Filipino painter of the 19th century into the public gaze.

I refer to it as a "family" project, as its impetus came through the efforts of Ongpin family members, who are among the proud descendants of Domingo.

The first prong of the effort was the long-term loan to Ayala Museum of several Damian Domingo works owned by the Ongpin family.

The second was the accompanying exhibition on Damian Domingo, also held at Ayala Museum in 2007-08 to celebrate the loan.

Finally, the third prong, just accomplished, is the long-awaited publication of the book "The Life, Art and Times of Damian Domingo" by renowned historian and archival researcher, Luciano PR. Santiago.

In a brief history of our descent from the Domingo family, which explains why the Ongpins are deeply committed to some elements of the artist's legacy, one can go as far back as 18[illegible], when the Ongpin-Domingo family was begun with the marriage of Domingo's granddaughter, [illegible] Domingo, to Roman Ongpin, after whom the famous street in Chinatown was eventually named.



"DAMIAN Domingo's Self-Portrait," rendered by José Domingo [illegible]. Oil on canvas. From of Jaime Ongpin Collection

Art supplier

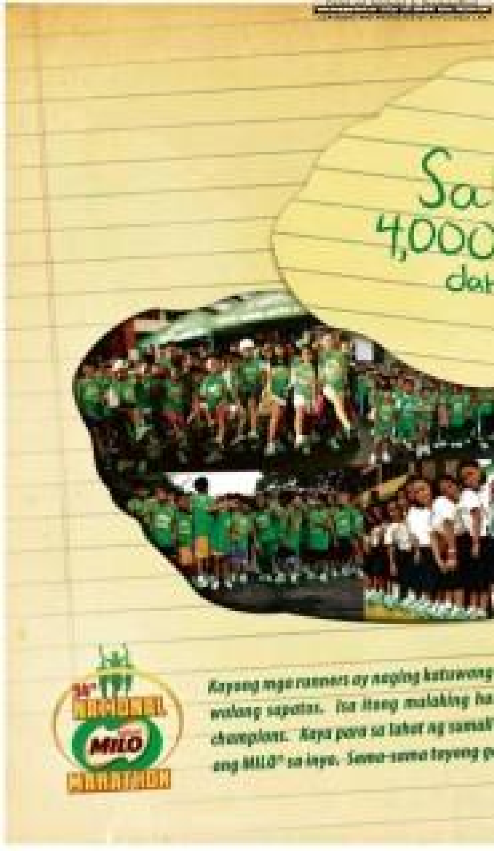
Interestingly, Roman Ongpin's business was an art-supply shop, the "El 82" (pronounced in Spanish as "Ochenta y Dos"), based in Binondo until the early 20th century.

It is not unreasonable to assume that perhaps the Domingo family's artistic inclinations, which included not only those of the

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"HOLY Family," undated. Oil on copper sheet. From of Luis Ongpin Collection



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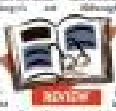
Damian Domingo...





Loan and publication

A tour de force of research



Extensive

'Tipos del pais'

'Raw' confessions by Anthony Bourdain

Renegade chef Anthony Bourdain's newest book is an irresistible apology for his 'Kitchen Confidential'

By Ruel S. De Vera

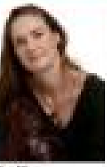
Resil Mojares: 'We have not unsettled Philippine literature enough'













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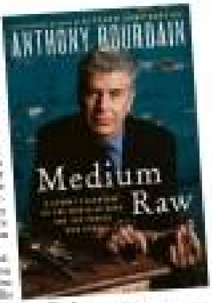






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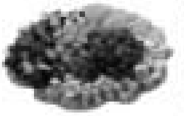


Resil Mojares: 'We have not unsettled...

Most Rizalian

Luzon writers

Let the Taste Do the Talking





A Cacnio Christmas at Hyatt



"LADDERS" and, (inset) detail of top of sculpture

By Pam Raiglah

ON THE 10TH installment of "designer Christmas," Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila's annual tradition of commissioning artists to create holiday-inspired art, the hotel's hallways and dining nooks come alive with Michael Cacnio's brass sculptures.

The tradition, which began on Hyatt's first year in Manila, has featured the works of Impy Pilapil, who used glass as medium; Ann Pamintuan, metal; Tes Pasola, newspaper; Maleen Tanguilig, recycled paper; and Renato Vidal, organic materials.

Cacnio's work, characterized by simple, oblong-bodied figures in brass, depicts local customs and show the dynamics of Filipino families, communities and ordinary characters. The artist draws inspiration from what he has described as a memorable and idealized childhood spent in his hometown in Malolos.

Despite the pieces being massive in scale, "Clouds of Christmas" does not stray from Cacnio's signature style.

Recurring theme

In "Ladders," several narrow, crooked brass ladders twist to mimic the shape of a Christmas tree. At the tip where they converge sits a crown, with little boys trying to climb toward it. But the one who gets the crown doesn't use the ladders at all—he flies using a bunch of balloons.

"Kasinauan," which sits at the foyer of Market Café, depicts figures mounted on a platform that resembles a long, slender banca. "Bird's Eye View," a centerpiece at The Regency Club, has a similar theme, with the relief showing a perspective of the neighborhood from above.

"Christmas in the City," an industrial interpretation of the Christmas tree, and "The Construction," a wall installation of builders at work, use ladders prominently. The recurring theme, Cacnio said, is one of the elements that give identity to his sculptures.

"For me it symbolizes everything about achievement and success," said Cacnio, who reaches a milestone next year with his 25th anniversary in sculpture. "People in the left, we also struggle to achieve goals and reach the top."

Modern, artistic, simple

A digression from Cacnio's style is "Ball of Lights," a sphere balanced atop of one of three contorted leaf-like strips that form a base. The artist explained it thus: "The ball represents the spirit of Christmas, which is carried on a vessel that continues its travel everywhere and points toward heaven."

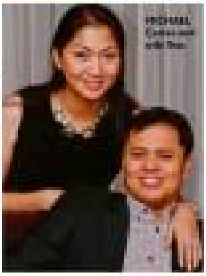
"We chose Michael because his work is very modern, artistic and simple, which is what Hyatt is all about," said general manager Anthony Sebastian.

Hyatt, a global brand, supports charities as a way of giving back to the community. At the launch of "Clouds of Christmas," the Manila branch renewed its commitment to longtime beneficiaries Make-A-Wish and Kythe foundations.

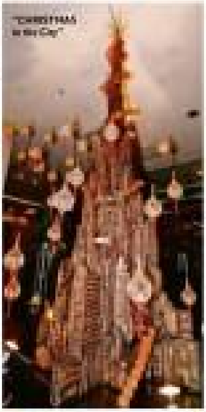
Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to kids with life-threatening medical conditions, while Kythe Foundation offers child life programs in the country such as those meant to help improve the quality of life of pediatric cancer patients.

With the designer Christmas tradition, Hyatt Manila has added another philanthropic endeavor—appreciating the work and giving support to local artists.

"Clouds of Christmas" is ongoing until Jan. 9 at Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila, 1588 Pedro Gil cor. MH del Pilar, Malate, Manila.



MICHAEL Cacnio with Tess



"CHRISTMAS in the City"



"BIRD'S Eye View"



"BALL of Lights" and, below, "The Construction"





"KASINAUAN"

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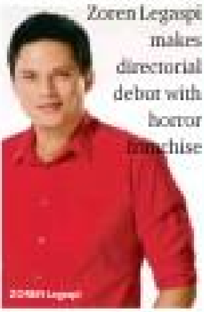


Sen. Ramon 'Bong' Revilla Jr.

WISHLIST

Don't call him 'Direk'

Zoren Legaspi makes directorial debut with horror franchise

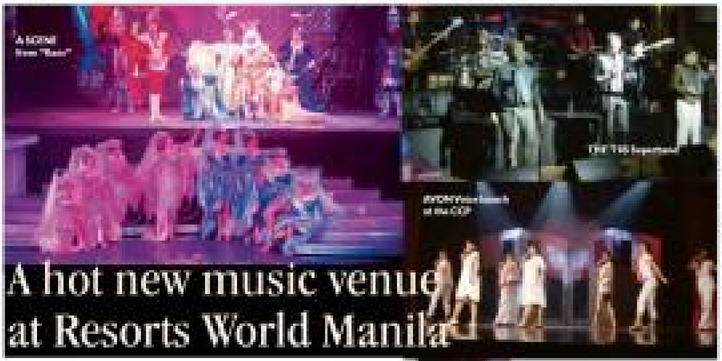


By Bayani San Diego Jr.

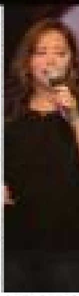
Metro Manila Film Festival

'Si Agimat at si Enteng Kabisote'





A hot new music venue at Resorts World Manila



A shame to miss out on these Christmas albums



A shame to miss out ...

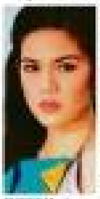


A hot new music venue

Ateneo Chamber Singers

Jeannie Tiongco

Don't call...



Shaina Magdayao

Like fish to water

Powerhouse cast of gifted lead players



Nestor U. Torre



Entertainment



Celebrities' fondest Christmas memories

Dolly Wood

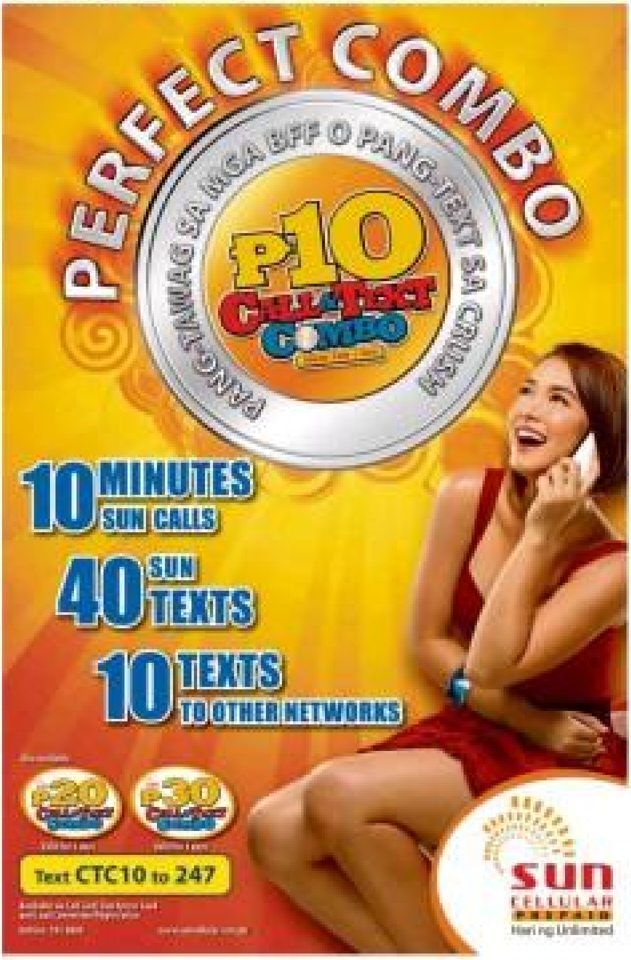

Dolly Anne Carvajal



Problem solved

By Marinel R. Cruz


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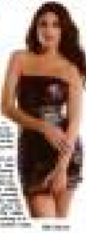


Problem solved

Christmas memories








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1st Pinoy 3D film half a decade in the making







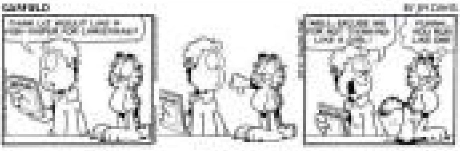
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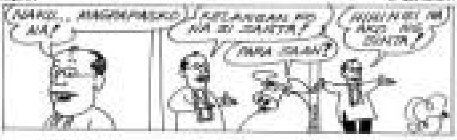




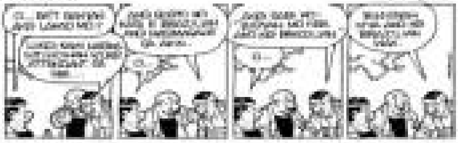
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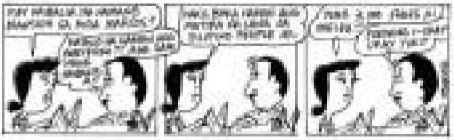
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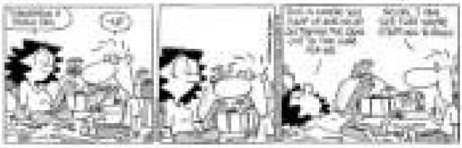
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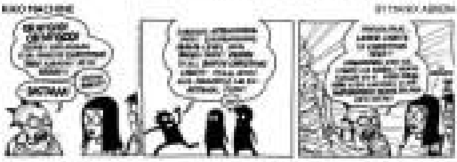
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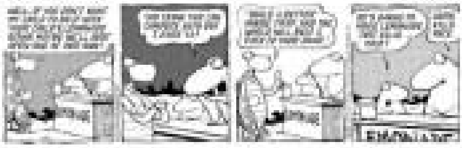
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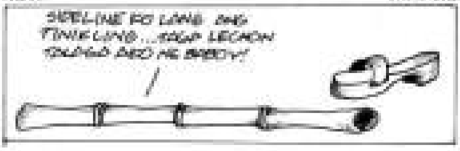
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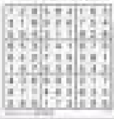


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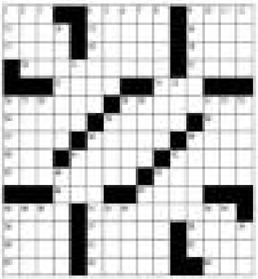
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

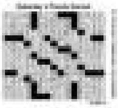
Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





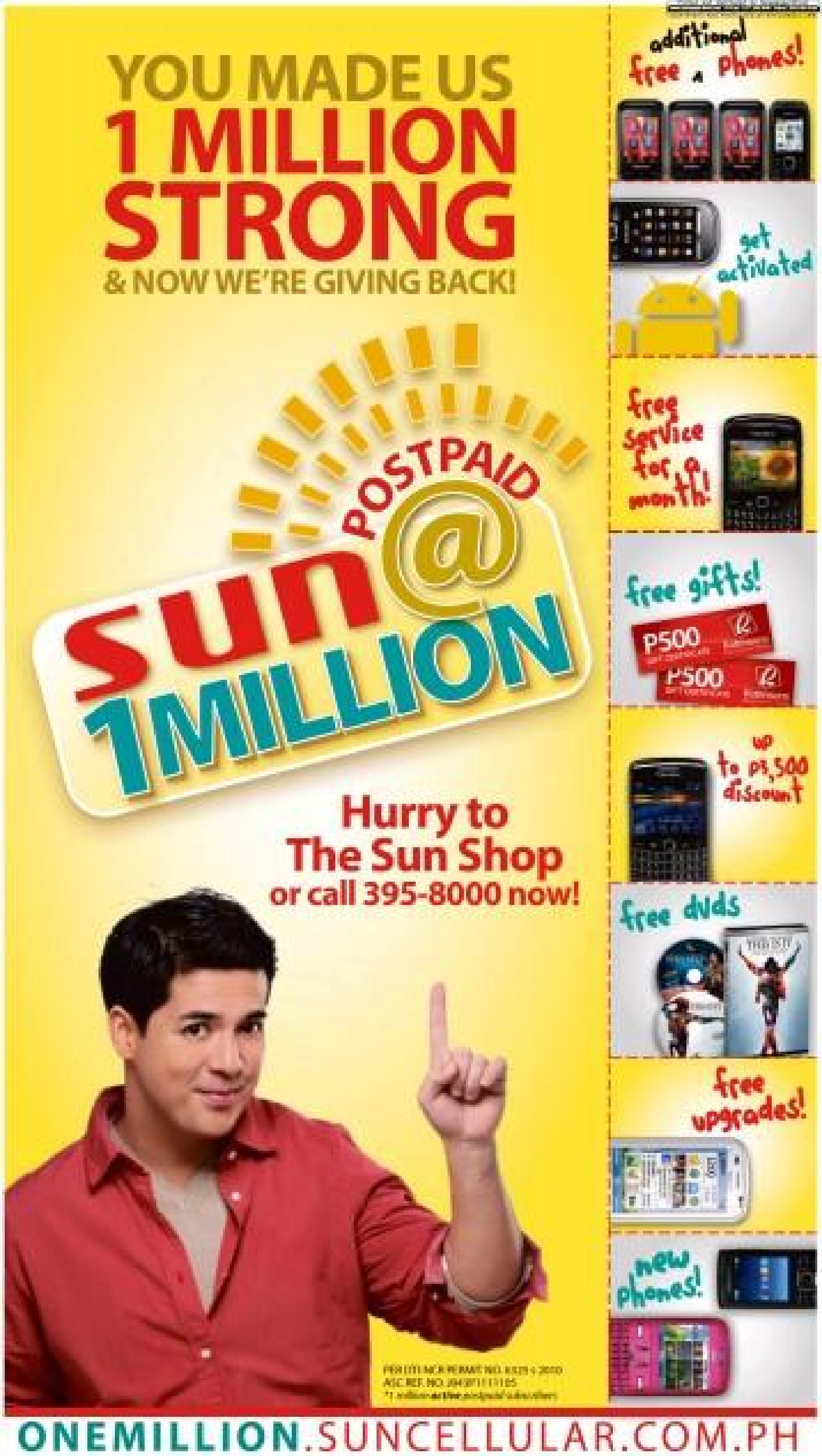
An 'Empire' rises



1st Pinoy 3D film half a decade in the making



Mark throws...



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Opposing UP budget cut via Facebook
Christmas puzzles solutions in Eureka!

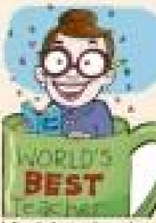
LEARNING

Tree of light and hope





A teacher on your Santa list? Not another mug, please



Keepsakes

Parental idea

Gift guide

Don't leave home without it





Trending light

Red for good luck

Playgrounds for the MIND

Member Schools

DLSU-D faculty animates puppetry with Aklatang Panglungsod ng Dasmariñas staff

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BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ALTAS

New grand chancellor of UST





ALTERNATIVE DISSENT

CLASS ACT

Prize for ICT project

Don't leave home without it

Contest for phone directory cover launched

My students, my teachers

Charmed life

Source of wonder

Mutual admiration

Christmas puzzles solutions



Puzzle 1

Puzzle 2

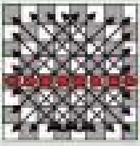


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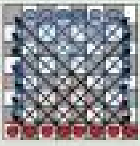


Figure 2

Puzzle 3

Peace video teleconferencing held



SLU Glee Club wins choir competition



A teacher on your Santa list?